

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1, 3-4, 8, 12, 14-15, 19, 23-25 and 28 are amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments can be found at least in paragraphs 0029 through 0032 of the instant application.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 12-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 "because the language of the claim raises a question as to whether the claim is directed merely to an abstract idea ..." (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12-22 describe a system, which is statutory. The fact that Claims 12-22 could be interpreted as being "directed merely to an abstract idea" is not dispositive. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12-22 should be evaluated by their limitations, not by what those claims incidentally cover. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the basis for rejecting Claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is traversed.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 1, 12 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 12 and 23, as amended herein, satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 1-9, 12-20 and 23-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.

6,892,231 ("Jager"). The Applicant has reviewed the cited references and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1-9, 12-20 and 23-29 are not shown or suggested by Jager.

According to independent Claim 1, a "file" is opened "using a software application, wherein associated with said application are global settings that are applied to said file when contents of said file are rendered for display, said application automatically imposing said global settings on all files associated with said application by default; a file-specific setting defined for said file" is saved, "said file-specific setting replacing a corresponding global setting defined by said application for said file, wherein said global settings for other said files associated with said application are unchanged by said file-specific setting;" said file" is closed; "and upon subsequent opening of said file, applying said file-specific setting to said display of said contents instead of said corresponding global setting" (emphases added). Independent Claims 12 and 23 recite similar limitations.

Applicant respectfully submits that the limitations cited above are not shown or suggested by Jager. Jager appears to describe a global configuration file that contains settings. However, those settings are applied to a server but – significantly – they are not applied to the global configuration file itself, in contrast to the claims. Furthermore, those settings are not applied to a file when the file is opened and the contents of the file are rendered for display, in contrast to the claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Jager does not show or suggest the limitations of independent Claims 1, 12 and 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the basis for rejecting Claims 1, 12 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is traversed and that Claims 1, 12 and 23 are in condition for allowance. Also, Applicant respectfully asserts that the basis for rejecting Claims 2-9, 13-20 and 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is traversed and that Claims 2-9, 13-20 and 24-29 are in condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jager in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,825,860 ("Hu"). Applicant has reviewed the cited references and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 are patentable over Jager in view of Hu.

Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 are dependent on either Claim 1, 12 or 23 and recite additional limitations. Hence, by demonstrating that Claims 1, 12 and 23 are not shown or suggested by Jager and Hu, it is also demonstrated that Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 are not shown or suggested by Jager and Hu.

As presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 12 and 23 are not shown or suggested by Jager. Applicant also submits that Hu does not overcome the shortcomings of Jager.

Hu appears to describe resizing and rescaling an image in response to user input. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Hu (alone or in combination with Jager) does not show or suggest, once the image has been resized and rescaled, that any resulting image-specific (e.g., file-specific) settings are saved in lieu of global settings, such that when the image (e.g., file) is subsequently displayed, that file-specific settings are used instead of global settings.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that Jager and Hu, alone or in combination, do not show or suggest the limitations of independent Claims 1, 12 and 23 and that these claims are allowable over Jager and Hu. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the basis for rejecting Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed and that Claims 10-11, 21-22 and 30-31 are in condition for allowance as being dependent on allowable base claims.

Conclusions

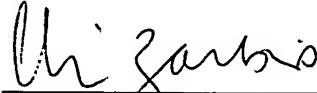
Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-31 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these claims.

Applicant has reviewed the references cited but not relied upon and did not find these references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002/0052937, 2002/0126812 and 2003/0221167; and the Kataria and Huang references cited in the Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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